# U.S. VOWS TO AVENGE MURD



#### Stay on the Job, CIO Tells Labor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—In a strongly worded reaf-firmation of labor's no strike pledge, the CIO Executive Board today called on all its affiliated unions "to religiously and meticulously respect their sacred obligations to their nation and the members of our armed forces by avoiding any stop-

#### **British Hail CIO On London Parley**

LONDON, Jan. 28 (ALN).—Acceptance this week by the CIO of the British Trades Union Congress invitation to the June world labor conference, and the APL's rejection of the invitation, were widely commented on by the British press.

"The importance of the CIO in American politics continues to grow," the New Statesman and Nation, popular weekly journal, said in an editorial. "Three events of the meet any call in the interest of our nation."

"At this solemn moment when

in an editorial. "Three events of the past week confirm this. First, the CIO—unlike the AFL—announced its intention of attending the world labor conference in London. CIO President Philip Murray had already accepted the TUC invitation, but his latest statement, with its strong emphasis on the value to labor of such discussions, was made no doubt with a sidelong glance at the AFL."

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Declaring that AFL rejection of the TUC's invitation "is a disastrous approach to the problem of international cooperation," the weekly Spectator, supporter of the Conservative party, said: "It is disturbing to find U. S. labor leaders so persistent in a pre-war attitude of hostility toward Soviet trade unionism."

UNITY BEHIND INVASION

While the CIO Board yesterday went on record against any national service legislation, the no-strike resolution today emphasizes. "Our American boys are awaiting the signal to invade Western Euclidean Continued on Page 1)

The resolution was a clear-cut statement of labor's responsibilities to the job of war production on the eve of the coming invasion of

#### Congress--and YOU

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Dr. Holmes is pastor of the Community Church, 40 East 35th St. and is a notorious example of a support this bill, and the church of Dr. John Haynes Holmes on Feb. 20.

Ballied invasion forces south of Rome, throwing back a heavy tank-led German counter-attack, have captured an important crossroads and village less than 30 miles from the litalian capital, front reports said today. The roar of Allied artillery was reported clearly sudible in Some 50 miles to the southeast, in the Cassino sector, American and French troops advanced under health of the community of the sum transfer of the Senate store the substitute of the authorities to spike the treacherous pro-Hiter "Peace Now" in weeking scheduled to be held at the SOLDIER VOTE: This week will see the final showdown on the soldier vote issue in both the House and Senate. With defeatist Senator Robert Taft of Ohio, leading the opposition to the measure, the Lucas-Green federal ballot bill will come up for a vote in the Senate early in the week, possibly Monday. Wire your Senators to support this bill, and to vote down any crippling amendments such as those offered by Senators Eastland of Mississippi and Overton of Louisianand the modified state's rights amendment proposed by Senator will see the final showdown on

#### It Is Better to Know It Now

THE face of the fascist enemy is the same everywhere. Is there an American who can remain calm after reading the first-hand account of the Japanese treatment of the heroes of Bataan? The torture inflicted upon the unarmed and exhausted American and Filipino prisoners the fascist poison.

The jailers turned the march to the prison camps deliberately into a trek to death. In one of the prison camps within two weeks the death rate reached 50 a day among the Americans and 500 a day among the Filipinos. It was planned, cold-blooded, vengeful mass murder.

Coming on the heels of the Soviet commission's revelation of the Nazi murder of 135,000 Soviet citizens and Polish prisoners near Smolensk, the reports of the three American marines bring home to the whole nation the real stink of the enemy.

This is the enemy - whether under the name of Nazism in Germany, fascism in Italy or the military-fascism of Hirohito. It is fascism. Barbarity, devastation, death are its trademarks

The wife of a marine in Peoria can understand much better now what the sweetheart of a murdered Smolensk citizen, the wife of a murdered Polish patriot, the son of a Czech hostage, the child of a Filipino martyr, the mother of a Chinese victim are thinking.

TT IS best that we should know it now, before our men mass in millions against this enemy in the grand European offensive and in the Pacific. It is best that we know it in all its bitterness so that our fighting men can have the stamina and boldness necessary to defeat the enemy. It is best that we know it so that here at home

consciousness that nothing can move us from the march

—Not the miserable Senator Holmans and Tafts who would not stop at sacrificing any democratic right, including the soldier's right to vote, to topple Roosevelt and his policies.

—Not the fascist-poisoned Rankin and the depraved and shameless men who rose in the House to cheer his

-Not the venomous apers of Hitler and Hirohito, who incite fascist hatred against the Jews and Negroes, who incite fascist hatred against the sews and Negroes, and would inflict upon them the same treatment received by Filipino and American, by Russian and Pole, by Chinese and Spaniard in the hell-holes of Europe and Asia.

—Not even the monied backers of the fascist leagues and the "Peace Now" conspiracies.

NONE of these can wipe out from our minds Camp O'Donnell and the mass graves in the Katyn woods. Neither they nor their colleagues in a Polish cabinet or their pleaders in high places can convince our nation that we can have "peace" with such horror. Cairo and Tehran have lit a light which cannot be

extinguished. They give us the program and the hope without which Katyn and the road to San Fernando would be unbearable. To defeat this conster, to wipe out every trace of him all over the globe, to build an enduring peace without threat of his return—that is the promise of

Blinded by their own bigotry and the blackness in their minds are the men who believe that America can take any other road than the road marked Tehran.

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The meeting of the Supreme Soviet, the Soviet equivalent of the U. S. Congress or the British Parliament, was heralded earlier today by intimatiens in the of-ficial Moscow press that proposals of historic significance would be

#### Toll of Victims May Be 25,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UP).—Punishment for the torture killing of perhaps as many as 25,000 American and Filipino war prisoners will be meted out to their Japanese murderers after the war, it was made clear here tonight by

high government officials.

The White House said that the U. B. Government had all but abandoned hope of getting relief supplies to thousands of other victims of Japanese savagery still in the prison camps and from other sources came hints that the whole hellish story still remains to be told. **Soviet Supreme Council Meets** MOSCOW, Jan. 28 (UP).—The Supreme Council of the Soviet Union convened at 7 P. M. to-night in St. Andrews Hall of the Kremlin for its second meeting since the invasion of the USSE and there were indications that it would act on matters of pos-sibly far-reaching international importance.

told.

Part of the Japanese horrors visited upon the fallen heroes of Bataan and Corregidor was revealed Thursday night by the Army and Navy in a documented account of starvation, torture and wanton murder unparalleled in civilized warfare.

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The first official promise that the victims will be ayenged same from Secretary of State Cordell Hull, who said the government is gathering evidence with a view to punishing those who perpetrated the atrocities after Japan has been desubmitted to it by the Council of People's Commissars, headed by Marshal Joseph Stalin.

Senate Democratic leader Alber W. Barkley, D., Ky., said he was Cut Next to Last

#### The Victory At Leningrad

#### By a Veteran Commander

ENINGRAD has been completely freed from the German blockade. Finland cannot hear the guns of its friends and protectors any more. A few more days and the great Moscow-Leningrad railway will pump fresh forces and weapons into the Leningrad base. The parallel



line via Kirishi is doing that already. The big bridge across the Volkhov near that station must have been repaired long ago because the Red Army seized Kirishi in October, obviously in order to have the bridge repaired and in working order for the coming Leningrad offensive. A

stroke of amazing foresight.

The German troops holding the fast dwindling stretch of the Leningrad-Moscow line are truly in a critical position. Very few of them will get out alive out of the little trap which has been formed within the big trap. The fall of Lyuban and Chudovo may be expected very soon.

Now as to the big trap—the one centering around Govorov's right flank has captured the junction of

Volosovo and is spilling westward and especially southward, in the direction of Luga, some 40 miles to the south.

Simultaneously, Meretskov (and this is MOST important) continues to advance west of Lake Ilmen and is within rifle shot of the north-south line from Leningrad to Dno. His vanguards thus are 25 miles from Luga and are advancing toward it along both banks of the Luga River. Thus now the railroad running from Leningrad to Luga and Pskov is the Germans' only line of escape. It is clear that one line cannot possibly handle the traffic necessary for the evacuation of an army of at least several army corps, saturated with especially heavy siege

Another thing to note is that of the two main eastwest highways within the trap (Tosno-Siverskaya and Shimsk-Strugi Krasnye) one is in complete jeopardy due to the capture of Suida (south of Gatchina) and the other is being quickly chewed up by Meretskov's left flank

The fortress of Staraya Russa has been by-passed and may soon be isolated.

Thus it may be said that now a "personal trap" is beginning to form south of Leningrad, aside from the fact that the German northern wing is inexorably collapsing. Mr. Paasikivi in Helsinki should think of packing his suitcase and apply for a visa to Moscow.

T IS reported that our beachhead south of Rome "has been reinforced and improved by limited advances." On its right (southeastern) facet along the Mussolini Canal our troops are fighting German tank attacks. The situation on the northeastern and northwestern fronts of the beachhead facing the Appian Way and the Tiber



The 'March of Death' After Bataan Fell

Japanese guards smirk as battle-weary, begrimed American soldiers are herded together shortly after the fall of Bataan. Through sickening dust and blazing heat, the war prisoners were forced to march for nearly two weeks to prison camps about 85 miles from Bataan. A joint Army and Navy statement released yesterday reveals the horrifying and medieval treatment by Japanese captors of Americans; torture, murder, hunger and every bestial form of fascist brutality was the Hirohito-Tojo regime's answer to the captives' plea for decent food, water and modicum of sanitation. Many of these men were beaten, some shot to death

#### War Program Keynotes Algiers French Assembly

ALGIERS, Jan. 28.—The provisional Consultative Assembly has just finished the work of its second session. From the beginning last December, the Communist delegation proposed that all deliberations center on the study of concrete questions raised by events themselves.

The Communist delegation called appoint the French Committee of National Liberation—the provisional French Military

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which the Communist delegation's many constructive proposals made a deep impression, the Assembly united on a fourth resolution which

A military tribunal will try Pierre Pucheu, the former Vichy Minister of the Interior, in the first of a series of organized acts of justice by the French Com-mittee of National Liberation, said a Times dispatch by Harold Callender from Algiers yester-

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Anti-Nazi Pressure Splits Argentine Cabinet

Argentina and Spain are closely interlinked in the crisis developing

In Argentina the break with the Axis has resulted in a crisis within the fascist government of President Ramirez. Three Cabinet Ministers of pronounced anti-Semitic and of pronounced anti-Semitic and Nazi views have resigned, while

At the same time, the chief lead ers of the Grupo Oficiales Unidos

Further indications of acute crisis within the fascist governcrisis within the fascist govern-ment of Agrentina came yester-day as the Argentine Ambassodor to Brasil, Gen. Arturo Russon, resigned after a rebuke from President Ramires. Russon, who led the coup of last June 4th, and was then suc-ceeded by Runires, wired con-cratulations to the government.

gratulations to the government, suggesting that this week's break with the Axis was the outcome of the June 4th revolution. Ramires took this to be an insult to his own failure to carry out the June 4th pledge.

#### Joint Anglo-U. S. Izvestia Assails Pole Gov't on Katyn Lie

MOSCOW, Jan. 28 .- In the light of facts on the Katyn murders established yesterday by a special Soviet state commission, Izvestia the government paper, here, comments that the "disgraceful role of the Polish government stands out in

"To please Hitler," says the 80-viet paper, the government-in-ex-ile "was dealing a treacherous blow cause," Izvestia continues.

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to the Soviet Union" when the London emigres joined with the German radio last April in charging the USSR with responsibility for the Katyn massacres.

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the common enemy of the Russian to exterminate all the Siav peoples and Polish peoples and all freedomioring, democratic countries."

"Acting as one with Hitler, that bitterest enemy of the Polish peoples are keeping from which the Hitlerite monstress shall not escape."

#### FDR Now in Best Health Since 1933

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UP).—President Roosevelt, who will celebrate his 62nd birthday anniversary Sunday, is in better health than at any time since he came into office in the dark days of 1933, his personal physician, Dr. Ross T.

McIntire, said today.

Mr. Roosevelt has had "one of
the best years since he entered the
White House," he said, although it

#### Negro Fliers Down 8 Nazis

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS Algiers, Jan. 28 (UP).—American Negroes comprising the 99th squadron of P-40 Warhawk fighters in their first appearance against the Germans in a combat area, shot down eight enemy fighters over the Nettuno beach-

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In some districts where there is a need for additional ALP clubs, the united committee is organising them directly.

Leaders of the committee are confident that they can carry every single one of the county's district for the unity slate in the primaries on March 28. They say that within a very short time they will have at least 10,000 of the county's 77,000 enrolled voters as signers of the petitions for their candidates for the State Committee. According to Max Torchin, ALP country executive secretary and secretary of the united committee, ALP meetings in the various districts have drawn considerably more people in the last couple of weeks than they ever have before. Should the united committee slates win in every district, it would mean 115 members on the new ALP state Committee from Brooklyn pledged to a united Labor Party, with none for those who want to perpetuate internal strife and division.

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Leader Fascist Gang

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 28.—Public indignation has committee for goodland to open an investigation of the fascist organization, "The Gentile League," whose leader has twice been convicted on moral charges.

The newly chartered organization, according to its avowated at a time and to carry out other national government" and to carry out other national anti-Semitic agitation.

Dusty court records, searched through in Jefferson County by the Wisconsin State Journal, revealed that Arthur W. Friede of Watertown, head of the "league," had been convicted twelve years ago of having operated a house of ill-fame.

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Brooklyn pledged to a united Labor Party, with none for those who want to perpetuate internal strife and division.

So far as is known, in only one district—the 23rd—has the die-hard group associated with the ALP State Committee started to circulate a petition nominating an opposition slate. Very few of the former "right wing" clubs are expected to support any Old Guard Opposition though the present Old Guard State Committee leaders will organize such opposition. The Committee for a United Labor Party in the county is headed by Joseph Gold, member of the Joint Board of the American Communications Association, who is a county leader of the American Communications Association, who is a county leader of the American Communications Association, who is a county leader of the ALP.

Members of its administrative committee are Joseph Catalahotti, vice-president of the Cleeners and Dyers of the Cle

vice-president of the Amalgamated kee" and that he expects big money Clothing Workers; Julius Cohen, official of the Cleaners and Dyers Union, an affiliate of the ACW; John Crawford of the American Newspaper Guild, who is county ALP chairman; Hexton Harden, a leader of the laundry workers union affiliated with the ACW; James V. King, state president of the State, County and Municipal Workers.

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#### 'Could Do the Job as Good as Most of Them'-- But Seattle Negro Is Denied Work

#### A Gift from Franco



#### City Hits 20% of Bond Goal But Drive Slows

Did you dig down into your jeans or empty the baby's piggy bank to buy that extra bond this week to boost the current Fourth War Loan Drive? If you did you helped to put a notable upswing in individual purchases of small denomination E bonds yesterday which has brought the city's

and Tehran. Its increased efforts to spread its propagands is timed on the eve of our grand offensive which will break Hitler's back.

"Peace Now' is using every trick in Hitler's bag. The latest trick is to attempt to use the pulpit as a medium to confuse and thereby weaken our national unity behind the war and our commander-in-chief.

"In this connection the invitation of Dr. Holmes to Hartmann can serve but one purpose—direct aid and comfort to the enemy—in brief, it is treason wrapped up in pacifist double talk. The fact that the invitation was extended just prior to Hitler's call to his friends total war bond sales to \$148,168,4000 participating in the Fourth War Loan Drive Goal.

This is a happy thought—the sale of E bonds is 27 per cent ahead of sales recorded for the corresponding period of the Third War Loan drive. However, Treasury Department of ficials say that while New York City and saked all grandmothers to buy and state residents are resonable.

# A Change in Kellems Rally

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 28.—Emphatic protests the destru from all sections of the people poured into the Springfield she appears to be either a woman Advertising Club against its invitation to Miss Vivien Kel- who has the American First viewlems to speak today at the monthly membership meeting, point which so aided the Nasis be-Although the Ad Club officials did not cancel her talk they fore the war, or a woman w

in her own shop rather than pay taxes the Government needs for the war effort, thus depriving the men war enote, thus depriving the men-at the front from having materials necessary for their own protection." The Communist Party of Spring-field also issued a statement de-nouncing Miss Kellems as a "defeat-

Miss Kellems in her speech reiter come should be eliminated in fafor of a general sales tax upon everything except food, as "every one buys so much that they don

HITLER ELECTION SCARE Miss Kellems declared," In 1944 we will vote either as Americans or ommunism and the destruction of rivate business after the war. Professor Seavey of Harvard de-

ibing himself as a "hard-shelled





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## Union Lookout

a "happy ending" like in the movies. There was such a moment sen Ford Motor Co. went CIO and another when the union banner ally went up on the flag pole over at Botany Mills in Jersey. It esn't perhaps mean victory for ever and a day and that everybody's ing to live happily ever after but it marks the end of one period of gie and the beginning of a new era. Such a moment has just recorded at Emerson Radio, where the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers struggled for seven years. There was a bitter strike. The Emerson products were boycotted. Not long ago, Local \$30 of the UE succeeded in completing organization. But the "happy ending" came this week when a contract was signed. It brings raises averaging 11.7 cents an hour per worker, if the War Labor

In case you didn't notice it—there's a full page picture of Premi Stalin in his Marshal's uniform in the January issue of the Federa-tionist, monthly organ of the AFL. It looks very much like one of the detures taken at the Tehran conference. The Federation takes it as compliment to American labor that Stalin said: "Without Amerlean production, the United Nations could never have won the war," and reprints those quotes along with the picture.... In the same Issue, AFL President William Green writes an article headed: "This Is American Labor's War—And We Know It."

Trade unions are making good use of a comic strip first issued by True Comics magazine which tells the story of scapegoats in history.

The comic is based on a pamphlet called "They Got the Blame,"
by Kenneth Gould. Presented in dramatic and simple form, it by Kenneth Gould. Presented in dramatic and simple form, it explains how Jew-baiting and Negro-baiting were used in earlier periods in history to dupe and divide the people. The CIO nationally has issued a special edition for distribution among members to combat race hatred. Its copies, which contain a message from CIO President Philip Murray, are available at the national office, 718 Jackson Pl., N. W., Washington. Some AFL unions are also making the strip available and its use was recommended at the Jersey Federation

CIO delegations have been visiting Thomas L. Norton, chairman, and other officials of the Regional War Labor Board this week, protesting a contemplated change in rulings which would deny pay awards higher than the bracket minimums. As we hear it, the board is considering refusing to order automatic increases from minimum to maximum in dispute cases. Laborites hold that if such a ruling to maximum in dispute cases. Laborites hold that if such a ruing were adopted, no employer would agree in negotiations to such increases because he would know in advance that if he let the case before the board as a dispute, it would be denied. Sentiment in the New York area is critical of the regional board, which is said to be one of only three in the country following the practice of setting up wage brackets. Nine other boards in the country, we hear, found this system unfair and ineffective. There is no word yet on what results the delegation met with on its meeting with the board.

#### Labor, Farmers Join for 2-State Political Drive

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munity Church here yesterday by dier's vote was the start of a camthe national CIO Political Action paign to "cut down the vote."

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Hillman came here with his astates, there must be cooperation of labor other union officials had to find the answer to this \$64 question: business in planning for peace. Hill-how find an organizational form that would bring education and

#### Bringing the Union to the Member's Backyard



ce-Wholesale and Wareh Local 65 makes it easier for its members to participate by organizing its members in the neighborhoods where they live. The one pictured above took place in the West Bronx, one of 14 communities that now have their own Local 65 sections. Participation has jumped way past

60 per cent since this reorganization was undertaken. Seven hundre tended a meeting like this one in Harlem, 90 per cent of them Nes Sixty-fivers say it solves the ancient problem mouned about it companying carbon and verse.

#### Mahomet Goes to the Mountain' ---A Modern Version by Local 65

By Dorothy Loeb

If Mehomet won't go to the

Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Local 65, a lively CIO union, which centends that in this kernel of wisdom is to be found the solution to one of the most ancient problems in the field of organized

is: how do you get full memberprogram in the two states. He an- ample, to beat back the tempting

committee.

The only time that reaction wins was when the vote is amall," Hill-man said. "If there is a big vote, to will be a vote for progress. They, the reactionaries want a small vote. It is our business to get out a big vote."

Thousands of their members are new. They figure that from 70 to 75 per cent have been less than two years in the union. The old-timers, who cut their eye-teeth on the picket line, who struggled through police night sticks to build through sticks that the sticks that the

tive board acting on a proposal by the Progressive Group, which is the Zimmerman administration group. ANSWERS ZIMMERMAN Answering Zimmerman's defense of blee voting were Rank and Fliesders I. Weisaberg and Mrs. Answering Zimmerman's defense of blee voting were Rank and Fliesders I. Weisaberg and Mrs. Fanny Golos, as well as a representative from the Independent Frogressive Group. Three apokesmen for the administration also spoke. Weisaberg charged that the bloc system creates further division in the union, and prevents the election for an administration representing all groups, instead of pust one group. He slae proposed that machines instead of paper ballots be used for voting.

The union member has a meeting every month. But one month it's a section meeting, say of the Up-Town Division. There he pays his dues and takes up his direct union business. When the next month rolls around, his meeting is by industry. There he takes up questions of collective bargaining, contracts, wages and the like. This third month his meeting place is registed in the work of the William of the War Refugee Board to help rescue the victims of Hitcher war issues as they see fit.

SECTOR CAPTAINS

It's four months since Local 66 initiated this three-way ireorganization. The 14 community organization now functioning were worked out on the basis of a map which showed where members lives and result of the refuse of the second of the work of the winding of the war. He sharply criticized the exclusion of outstanding builders of the union from the hands of the United States Conciliation Service, as a result of the refuse of the union from the same of the work of the wore of the work of

paigns and, by virtue of his office, is a member of the General Council, the union's highest body.

#### Big Opposition to Local 22 Bloc Vote

Impressive opposition to the undemocratic bloc system of voting in elections was demonstrated by more than 800 needle trades workers, who by an open show of hands, voted against this administration proposal at a special meeting of Dressmakers Local 22.

Despite the fact that the proposal to the War Labor Board, reiterating was carried by a vote of 1403 to 825, the union's no-strike pledge.

was carried by a vote of race to as the tagons ho-strike proget.

The dressmakers' demand for a revidence of increasing opposition to bloc voting, which acts to maintain group control of the union adminntrol of the union admin- ship of the dressmakers' struggle

istration.

Only 2,200 out of more than 3,500 members in the hall voted. The meeting took place Thursday night at Manhattan Center. Five other smaller section meetings in various points of the city were held the same night to nominate candidates and elect an election and objections committee.

al 22, urged bloc voting in the ing elections, saying that it was and Objection Committee of 20, in the recommendation of the execu-tive board acting on a proposal by the Progressive Group, which is the from the Independent Group. The nan administration group: full representation of the com

# Tells Senators How worked out on the basis of a map which showed where insembers live and grouped the 50 that live nearest each of which has a captain of its own. The captain keeps in touch with his 50 members, visits them if they're ill, tries to enlist them in the union's various political carepaigns and, by virtue of his office. By Eva Lapin

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 .- A pretty, 22-year-old Phila-Now there are sections of Local delphia laboratory worker, Miss Ann Starr, stole the show 65 meeting once every three months today at the "white collar" hearings as she reviewed how she

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Must we employ the Dog Catcher-Offer movies or a door prize.

#### Istrian - Americans Honor Tito

By P. K. Harrison

Istria lives. Istria, whose splendor and beauty rivalled Venice, lives and fights. She fights Hitler Naxism today as she fought her feudal lords, ber Austria-Hungarian conqueror and, up to recent yesterday, Mussolini-fascist enslavement. The fearless sons and daughters of Is-tria fight under Mashal Tito. Their

tria fight under Mashal Tito. Their courage is his courage. Their strength is his strength.

The United Istrian Societies in their "Tribute to the Fighting Forces of Istria" present a pageant of inspiration, hope and encouragement at this Tribute tomorrow Sunday, at Manhattan Center. From 4:30 in the afternoon until 7 in the evening, the story of Istria in America and Istria of the old world—past and present—will be presented in an art-form as thrilling and daring as her people.

and daring as her people.

Istria's culture, her contributions



MARSHAL TITO

Some Interesting Letters in the Morning's Mail

Let's take a look at the mail bag and see what we

Here's one from a war worker up in New England:

"Here's a suggestion for the good fight to get Negroes into the

major Leagues.

"Why not have Paul Robeson and other great leaders of the American people write to baseball stars in the armed forces—Greenberg, DiMaggio, Reiser, etc.—asking them to call on the club owners to smash Jim Crow once and for all and make baseball the All-

"Dear Sports Editor:
"In my school, the Mark Twain Jr. High School in Brooklyn, a petition calling for the end of Jim Crow in the major
leagues was passed around by students to the entire school,

leagues was passed around by students to the entire school, including the faculty.

"These petitions were addressed to the Brooklyn Dodgers, the New York Yankees and the New York Gianis. . . Of a total of 1,600 students and teachers we got 1,593 signatures!!!

"This is just one of many schools which has done likewise. . . You're doing great work, keep it up.

"Sincerely.

"Saw the picture and read your column and must agree with

"You made a fine point when you said that Joe's coolness under fire has been constantly underplayed. I consider his calmness to be as vital an asset as any single thing he possesses. . . . Remember what happened in that fight with Maxie Baer when Baer unloosed a terrific

barrage of blows against Louis that drove Joe into a corner?

"But Louis did not become flustered nor panicky. He calmlydefended himself, covering up carefully and then suddenly he bolted
out of the corner, rapped Maxie a sharp left hook and put him in
the corner. . . . He then went on to pound Maxie so badly that he
was staggering when the bell ended. . . Only a truly great fighter
could have done that and that's what Louis is

. . . .

direction.

"As for hitting ability. Well, his knockout record was not as spectacular as Louis' but you must remember that in those days the lot of a Negro fighter was much more difficult than it is today.... In those days he was forced half the time to carry his opponents for many rounds.

"He could have amassed a knockout record that would have equalled Louis'... I am not detracting anything from Louis, mind you, but I am just trying to get the record, as I see it, straight..., "I'll take Johnson... And I'm only sorry he couldn't have come along the same time as Louis... That would have been a fight to remember for the ages...

"Yours truly,

"O, B."

A Jack Johnson Booster

Here's a letter from a fight fan who has ju

Whole School Signs **Anti-Jim Crow Petition** 

'Dear Sports Editor:

**About Joe Louis** 

his part to play. It is the Istrian way. "All spectators! All actors!" An actor, Adamic, in paying tribute

the Coles supervised the recordings.

The hundred stage characters, too, come from the family groups.

Bach family in the society contributed its best talents to the dramatic.

Hot Stove Stuff:



Istria's culture, her constitutions to civilisation, her heritage, these the pageant, in tribute to Tito's actor - characters and audience. You will understand the Istria dialect because the story unfolds in Tree Istria of America will be shown and through it you will learn to Istria's sons and daughters; Istria's sons and daughters; they make possible the what they did to help our country achieve her greatness.

You will understand better what the 100 characters on the stage are saying and doing because the page.

Istria's culture, her constitutions between the presonnel. And the same is true of those backstage, of those in the icket office, receptionists and ushers.

In Istria individuality finds expression in the family's contribution to the community. At the "Tribute to the Fighting Forces of what they did to help our country achieve her greatness.

You will understand better what the look of languages; and through it weld unity.

Louis Adamic, world renowned novelist, will be a guest, and, like others in the audience, he will have spiration, hope and encouragement.

NEW PLAYS

"The Cherry Orchard" At the National Theatre

CHRENT UNCHAND, by Anims Chekhov, starring Eve Le Geffienne and Joseph Schilbaraut, translated by Irine Skieriation, staged by Miss Le Geffienne and Margaret Webster, Designed by Matter, Proceding by Carly Wharton and Margaret Webster at the Nellangi Theatre an Jan. 26, 1844.

By Ralph Warner

It is eleven years since Miss Le Gallienne played the bewildered, weak Madame Ranevsky of Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard." And now she is back again in that role. In 1933, she created her own production; today she shares

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"DAILY" SPORTS

#### Some Words on Branch Rickey's Farm System

The serious plight of baseball cast a shadow over Branch Rickey's annual midwinter clam bake and roast potato festival at Bear Mountain on Thursday. Mr. Rickey sat down among the gentlemen of the press and announced that Billy Herman

the gentlemen of the press and announced that Billy Herman was in 1-A.

That just about breaks up the Dodgers, for Billy was a whole team in himself last search. "I many respects, a progressive organise and the search was a similar than you the search, and Mr. Rickey. Bee them amyounced that a young man by the name of Moward Water, disampted the search of the Archael and they were given personal instruction of the common of the search of the Cardinals, and sall wrong in being gloomy about the coming season. He disagreed with Breadon about a 19-player limit, and could operate with as few as 17.

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to smash Jim Crow once and for all and make baseball the All-American sport beginning with the 1944 season?

"As far as I know there is nothing in the rules and regulations governing their conduct that would prevent these men from voicing their convictions. At the same time they would insure the game being continued for the duration—a worthwhile project judging from the demand from soldiers, saflors, etc. for sports news, broadcasts, etc.

"I know from my own experience in Spain where we sat up till early in the A.M. for a broadcast of a Rose Bowl game.

"Of course, these statements would also give the war and democracy a great lift as you've constantly pointed out in your column. . . .

"Sincerely,

Here's a letter which will warm the cockles of your heart. It is self-explanatory and should be given wide circulation. . . .

you when you say that Joe Louis is the greatest fighter of them all. This is exactly what I've thought for a long time but it took the films to remind me of it.

forth and tie up more clubs than an organization lacking in business acumen, such as the New York Glants.

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I am proud that even in the bitterest days of trial our people did not transfer their just hatred for the soldiers of Hitler unto Goeths or Beethoven. We want to punish the criminals who drenched our land in blood. It is not only our right, it is our duty. Yet no one of us and manifestations of feeling.

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# Rangers and Basketball

Most of the news these days is about baseball. . . . In two days the major leagues have seen four more stars classified 1-A or already inducted. They are Brooklyn's Billy Herman, Cincy's Johnny Vander Meer, Chicago's Stan Hack and the Yankee's Roy Weatherly. . . . Besides, there are reports that young Billy Johnson, rookie of the And here's one which will make Freddy Elis puff out with pride:
"My dear young Sports Editor:
"I don't know how far back Fred Ellis dates but I think I go back "I don't know how far back Fred Ellis dates but I think I go back almost as far and have seen as many fights as he has probably.

"And I'm glad to say that our cartoonist knows whereof he speaks when he says that Jack Johnson was the best heavyweight of all time. Of course you young enthusiasts do have an arguing point when you claim that title for Joe Louis, who is, no doubt, a great fighter.

"But it is my sound opinion that Jack Johnson would have had a comparatively easy time of it with Louis... You had to see Johnson to appreciate his prowess. He could pick off a bullet coming at him... He probably could go 30 rounds without being hit if he wanted to ... Although he was built like a giant he was as fast as a lightweight and could move in any direction. 

The Rangers fought an uphill battle against the Chicago Black Hawks Thursday night in Chi-cago, but finally succumbed 6-4 after coming from behind in the third period to the score.

Basketball does not come back list P.M., WABC—The Garden Cate list P.M., WABC—Barri Ives, Songs into the Garden until the week list P.M., WABC—Barri Ives, Songs after next, but in the meantine; harrisgs of Piggs of Pigg When the second half of the sea-

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#### Giving the Show Away

DRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S charge that the so-called "states rights" soldier vote bill is a fraud was proven to the hilt on the Senate floor Thursday by one of the bill's ardent supporters.

When Republican Senator Rufus Holman of Oregon said that all controversy on the issue would cease if the President would withdraw from the race, he was, in fact, admitting that the "states rights" issue is an utter hoax. He made it inescapably clear that the real soldier vote issue, as far as the Republicans are concerned, is the election or defeat of the President in the fall

What's more, he was saying in effect, that the fourth term as such is not really the problem that is bothering the Republicans in Congress any more than it is bothering the people of the country.

Taking his "objection" to the federal administration of the soldier vote at face value, its logic is that if any President should run for reelection during a war, whether for a second or a fourth term, the soldiers should not be permitted to vote.

The Oregon Senator placed the question as one of administration, implying that the President, as candidate, is an interested party and will not administer the law impartially. This is a studied, and utterly unwarranted, insult to the President, intolerable at a time like this.

Actually, however, Holman meant what others more outspoken, like Hearst and Congressman Clare Hoffman, have said; namely, that they don't want the soldiers to vote cause the soldiers are likely to vote for the President.

Holman's remarks should remove whatever doubt may still remain regarding the otives of Republican "opposition" to the modified Green-Lucas bill. The people can-not permit the ballot rights of the 11,000,000 citizens in the armed services to be taken away because they won't vote the way the ublicans want them to. The Green-Lucas romise measure must go through both Senate and House.

#### At London in June

NOTHING can be more helpful to our country-at-war than the CIO executive board's decision on Wednesday. In agreeing to send twelve of their lead-

ing representatives to the World Labor Congress in London, the CIO national board members indicated the serious weight they attach to this conference. Their judgment was never more correct than in this case.

Such a signal move to advance international labor unity will receive the applause of all patriotic people. In order to press military victory forward and to make Tehran's agreement live, labor unity "across the seas" mes of greater value and more intense urgency than ever.

The United Nations are marching together ward the knock-out blows to Hitler and Hirohito. They are forging the first link in the chain of enduring peace. Toward these much-desired ends the labor moveents of Great Britain, the United States nd the Soviet Union—joined with the trade nions of other freedom-loving countriescan do much by their own solidarity and

No branch of the American labor movement has any right to prove a slacker at such a momentous time and in the doing of such a monumental work.

We hope that the forthright decision of the CIO on this matter will spur the Railroad Brotherhoods to act in a like spirit. The World Labor Congress will be benefited by the presence of the transportation unions' officials and will afford them decided benefits

The pressure within the AFL affiliates for the American Federation of Labor to be represented at London can acquire new strength from the CIO's act. It is not too late for the AFL to be there. The London Congress opens in June, and there is even another executive council meeting before that time. Let every affiliated union tell the AFL leaders to discharge their duty to America by agreeing upon representation at the London Congress.

#### Equal Rights

THE "Equal Rights Amendment" is the confusing name of one of the most dangerous pieces of legislation in Congress today. Backed by the National Woman's Party and Republican reactionaries like the traitorous lady industrialist from Connecticut, Vivien Kellems, its real purpose is the destruction of all the hard-won protective legislation for women achieved by adherents of true equal rights down the years. The danger of this amendment's being petitioned out of the House Judiciary Committee and swept into law while progressives nap is allthe more apparent because of the general confusion regarding it.

The war has of necessity called forth the great reserves of woman power in our country and one of the results has been a belated but nonetheless enthusiastic appreciation of women's abilities in industry, in the armed forces and in the field of political activity. Women are assuming leadership in the trade unions and in communities. The reactionary forces in this country are trying to capitalize on the general sentiment in order to slip through this measure under the guise of equalizing the status of women. What they really have in mind is the removal of all minimum wage, hour restrictions and other protections from the working standards of women. An obvious follow-up would be longer hours, lower wages and poor working standards for everybody.

Reactionaries are enjoying the assistance of the vast confusion regarding the Equal Rights Amendment-a confusion which appears even to have blurred the ordinary clear vision of Vice-President Wallace, who gave the measure his endorsement the other

While almost without exception progressive women in government, including Mrs. Roosevelt, Secretary of Labor Perkins and Mary Anderson, head of the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor, have expressed themselves in opposition to the amendment, nevertheless there is still not enough alertness to its dangers and to the danger of its passing. In the interest of true equality, Americans of both sexes must enter the campaign to defeat this amendment.

#### Falange and GOU

NON-RECOGNITION of Bolivia NON-RECOGNITION of Bolivia and the Argentine break with Germany and Japan are good. Non-recognition is the first concerted Angio-Inter-American move against the fascist conspiracy in the hemisphere. It helped considerably in forcing the Ramirez-GOU junta in Buenas Aires to see the light. The path was il-

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Today

path was il-luminated also by the threat of Angloreaction -

beef oligarchy.

And the GOUp-ists also saw the front opposition within the coun-try, which will not be satisfied un-

On the part of the fascists, it is a forced retreat and a preservative maneuer—a "shortening" of the political line, just as the German Army on the Soviet Front is now being forced to shorten its lines. This is not to discount the value we obtain from an enemy line-shortening. But that value can be transformed into something tan-gible only if we keep right on forcing the enemy to retreat until he reaches the vanishing point. The Argentine Ramirez and the

Bolivian Villarroel are now at-tempting to lose themselves in the United Nations mass. But that is not the kind of vanishing that is

FRANCO of Spain is attempting to do something along the same

Madison, Wisc.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I congratulate the Worker and the
Daily Worker on celebrating their
20th anniversary. After watching

Daily Worker on celebrating their 20th anniversary. After watching the American labor movement for over sixty years, I am satisfied that labor newspapers had a lot to do with its progress. All other major interest groups in society have their organs to draw their minds together and to acquaint the public with their course and alms.

Why not labor?

EDWARD A. ROSS
(Retired) Professor of Sociolgy

Madison, Wisc

Why Not Labor?

lines. It may be that the sudden discovery by his Argentinian compatriots of the Nazi spy ring (which fits pretty snugly on their own fingers) may seem as good a technique as any—especially when the second front gets rolling and the anti-Falange resistance within Spain begins to reach for Pranco's neck.

neck.

A spy ring under those circumstances would prove very convenient. Of course, the Argentine consul who acted as a Nazi spy was arrested by the British four months ago, and back in 1939 an Argentine investigating committee exposed the work of the German-

But Franco, too, would have plenty of reliable evidence to show that his troops have been fighting on the Eastern Front, that German military centers have been established in his country, that his own services have revealed Allied boat movements, that supplies and workers were sent to the Reich, that the Falange has been emthat the Palange has been em-ployed as an Axis agency through-out Latin America and in the Phi-lippines, and much more—all with-out his knowledge.

IT would be convenient from a number of angles. For one thing, the Ramirez GOUs are still open to the charge that they maintain to the charge that they maintain their ties with the Axis through Madrid. The Berlin-Madrid-Buenos Aires Aixs (it could be lengthened uncomfortably to include Tokio-Manila - Helsinki - Budapest - Zagreb - Batavia - Nanking - Saigonetc.) is a distinct handicap to Franco. If he found it convenient to cut the diplomatic ribbon to Berlin who could then accuse him of maintaining an Axis? His Palance maintaining an Axis? His Palange has had sufficient schooling to

Letters From Our Readers

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

New York City Editor, Daily Worker:

Size and Quality

#### by James S. Allen

stand on its own feet, with the help of its numerous friends in the Americas. And why follow Hitler to the gailows? After all, to stop putting bombs in shipments of oranges to Britain is a small price to pay. Those merry and carefree days are over anyhow, and one must take seri-ously this business of keeping power.

FRANCO is watching carefully to see if Ramires will be able to move his whole caboodle of GOUs into the American camp. Arresting a few Germans here and there, will help remove the stigms of the past. And it need not interfere with foreign operations, for the agents in La Pas and a dozen other canitals. eign operations, for the agents in La Pas and a dozen other capitals will now be able to work in their own right. And it would be an advantage not to be easily dismissed to have the Palange, minus its Berlin medals, come right along.

Of course, there are many rather huge flies in the clintment, It is not at all certain how long the GOU government will be able to

GOU government will be able to hold out against the people. La Pas offers another example of how dev-ilishly unstable a coupiet regime can be at this late date. And can be at this late date. And Franco himself, despite the encouragement of Sir Samuel Hoare and Carleton Hayes, knows that his only excuse for existence is to be found in Berlin.

An avalanche is coming — the avalanche of liberation Today its

An avalanche is coming — the avalanche of liberation. Under its impact neither the Franco government nor the policy of appeasing it can stand. The question is whether the State Department can get wise well enough in advance to anticipate the inevitable. That is not to speak of the immense gains which can be obtained in the American continent and Europe by

when it had eight pages, and now that you have cut the paper to six pages you have eliminated the best features. E. Fischer also says that his friends (former readers of the Daily Worker) now will not give five cents for a leaflet, referring to the Daily Worker. The policy of the Daily Worker is quality. Quantity is of secondary importance. If, by the size reduc-

The policy of the Daily Worker is quality. Quantity is of secondary importance. If, by the size reduction, the Daily Worker will lose readers of the calibre of E. Fischer and triends, it will not be deplorable. It seems that these people will get an equal amount of benefit from the New York Daily News.

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#### Facts on War Economy

#### Growth in **War Production**

One measure of the tremendous growth of the U. S. economy under the impetus of total war is the rise in the gross national product. This represents roughly the aggregate value of all the commodities and services flowing to the government, to business for gross capital purposes, and to the consumers for their use.

In the Department of Commerce estimates gross national product is made up of the total government expenditures for goods and services in a given period plus the output available for private use. The former amounted to \$96.4 billion in 1943, the latter to \$61.4 billion. The total was \$186.5 billion.

This record gross national product of goods and services in 1943 showed a rise of about 23 per cent over the \$151.7 billion total for the previous year. The total had been \$11\$\frac{3}{2}\$ billion in 1940. In the pre-war year, 1939, it was only \$88.5 billion, or well below half of the 1943 level.

Part of this gain was accounted for by rising prices of wartime. But even when silowance is made for the increases in prices, it is estimated that more than half of the gain in gross national product during the war period has been due to an expansion of real goods and services.

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The total federal government expenditures for war production dast year came to about \$83.7 billion. This was about \$6 per cent of the total gross national product, compared with only about 10 per cent in 1941.

PORTION FOR WAR Another way of measuring how fully our economy is involved in the war is to show the relation of war production to total industrial production. These

figures also are available from the Departm

Commerce.

A report in the January "Survey of Current Business" indicates that about two-thirds of the total industrial production of the country in 1943 (as measured by the Federal Reserve Board indexes) represented war production. This percentage for last year, and for the two previous years, are included in the following table, along with similar estimates for the major industrial divisions included in total industrial producton:

PERCENTAGE FOR WAR 1941 1942 (1935-1939-

per cent in 1943, on top of a gain of 89 per 1942.

#### MUNITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

The munitions index itself showed the biggest during the year. This War Production Board refi during the year. This War Production Board reflector of the actual output of planes, ships, tanks, guns and other equipment rose about 40 per cent between the end of 1942 and the end of 1943. The 1944 level may be 25 per cent above the average for last year.

While industrial production indexes were moving upward last year, the amount of building construction was falling off rapidly due to the near completion of the government's military building program.

Total expenditures for all new construction in the country had run to a peak of \$13.5 billion in 1942 but declined about 43 per cent to around \$7.7 billion last year, or about 4 per cent of the total gross national product. It was expected to fall to not more than \$4,000,000,000 in 1944.

#### 5 Years Ago Today In the Daily Worker

JANUARY 29, 1939

MOSCOW.—People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs
Maxim Litvinoff today warned Japanese Ambasador Togo that the Soviet Union would not
be intimidated by Toklo's threats in connection
with the dispute over Soviet fishing areas leased
by Japanese fishing companies.

NEW YORK.—In an article in the Daily Worker, Francis Austin said: "Even those American who are accustomed to

"Even those American who are accustomed to taking the verbal sword rattling of the Mikado's admirals in their stride were brought up short Jan. 16, when the semi-official organ of the Japanese army and navy declared that Japan must be prepared to 'crush the U.S. fleet' if the Island of Guam is fortified."

Two days earlier President Roosevelt had asked Congress to appropriate \$552,000,000 to strengthen the nation's defenses, including the Island of Guam.

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#### Trust Incites Puerto Rico Strikes

By J. Santos Rivera

(Concluded)
A year later, in 1943, the workers of the CCM were faced with the choice of striking or dying of hun-ger. Then the employers and the leaders of the Free Federation appealed to the National War Board (War Labor Board or Manpower Commission?) trying to get a deci-sion that would forbid both the strike and any wage increases by the Insular Minimum Wage Com-

Mevertheless, the Insular Committee won all the cases and decreed, with the approval of the Governor, a higher wage scale retroactive to the date of the beginning of the truce in 1942. For exning of the truce in 1942. For example, a cane cutter who earned \$1.51 for eight hours of work was to be paid \$1.80, retroactive from 1942. The employers announced that they would pay the wages fixed by the Committee, but that they would contest the constitutionality of both decrees in the courts. With few exceptions, the employers have been complying employers have been complying with the wages fixed by the committee, but they owe the workers all the back-pay which amounts to more than \$4,000,00.

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Recently, the Insular Supreme Court, composed of reactionaries, decided against the workers and in favor of the sugar corporations, anulling the committee's second and third decrees (the back-pay and future raises provisions). The Insular Government continues its struggle by legal means, but the employers threaten to cut wages, in order not to "ruin themselves."

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The CGT, consistent with its nostrike policy, and in the interests
of the war effort, has been insisting for months on the necessity
for a collective bargaining agreement with the Sugar Producers Association, in order to maintain industrial peace and save the workers.
But the employers have consistently and unreasonably refused to
sign a contract with the authentic
representatives of the workers.

We must understand that the
struggle for a signed contract which
would guarantee the organization
of the workers and a decent wage
represents something more, something much more than this. Today
we are in a war of national liberation, against German fascist imperialism and its militarist and reactionary agents who are to be
found not only in Asia, Europe,
North and South America, but also
in Puerto Rico, as in all the world.

keeps us from being formally a part of the United Nations, in practice the Puerto Rican people are at war to the death with the Axis. Our youth are already on the bat-

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people have not given more, it is
only because they are limited by
lack of the political power, to which
as a nation they are entitled.

The imperialist American corporations and their anti-Puerto Rican
agents know that President Roosevelt, Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill met at Tehran,
where they came to full agreement
for the defeat of Nazi-fascism on
the field of battle, and on the terms
of a peace in the interest of all of a peace in the or a peace in the interest of all the peoples. They know that the OUT is the organization which is putting itself at the head of the democratic Puerto Rican move-ment which supports and struggles for the realization of the Tehran decisions.

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These reactionary elements, which for more than 40 years have been extracting millions and millions of dollars from the miserable bodies of the Puerto Rican people, recognize that today the world, and Puerto Rico as part of the world, must be ruled by the democratic will of the people. Therefore, they try to throw a monkey wrench into the machinery.

They aim to destroy the CGT, which defends the workers and orients itself toward the struggle for Puerto Rico's independence, so that the Pederationist leaders, who betray the workers to the bosses, will return to power, fighting everything which represents the Puerto Rican nation. The corporationist reaction tries to create a state of anarchy, of personal and collective insecurity, against the labor movement, national liberation, against democracy in general—like the situation that prevailed under the misrule of the Coalition in combination with the dictator Gen. Blanton Winship.

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The old Pederationist leadership again repeats what it said at the beginning of 1942, when together with all the reactionary elements it declared: "We understand that the government itself has an integest in the addition and the forest in the addition and the the government itself has an in-terest in the agitation and the strike. . . If this is the case, the Free Federation of Puerto Rican Workers will declare a total general strike which will be effective." BACK SUGAE TRUSTS Sr. Nicolas Turegui, regaldent

Sr. Nicolas Iturregul, president of the big landlords association and one of the reactionaries who make

up the "Little Guerrillas" supporting the great sugar corporations, had the effrontery to tell the leaders of the Free Federation—and they smilingly admit it—that he had never been inclined to sign collective bargaining contracts but that he "is frankly sympathetic to the precedures of this Federation."

Another of the "Tittle Guerrillas" came out of hiding to say that "it is not possible for me to remain silent before the unjustified attitude of the CGT workers in the sugar industry and before the partial attitude of our Insular and Federal Government toward the dispute."

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The CGT is a democratic organization, created and led by Puerto Rican workers. It has more than \$6,000 members, workers in the sugar industry, and therefore represents the democratic aspirations of the workers of this industry. These workers are not demanding wage increases and for two years have been patiently waiting for the courts to decide about the wages which the corporations have falled to pay them. LABOR ALERT TO PERIL

The Puerto Rican workers know that any strike, in these hours of supreme emergency, injures the war effort of the United Nations. They

supreme emergency, injures the war effort of the United Nations. They take into account that any strike in the democratic camp is used by Hitler and his agents as a propaganda weapon against the United Nations. They understand that the reactionary corporations are trying to provoke a general strike with the view to gaining more cooperation from the reactionary forces in the United States, in order to launch a merciless offensive against the workers, against the whole Puerto Rican national liberation movement, against the Rocevett administration and against the decisions of Tehran.

Conscious of this great responsibility, the COT has threatened a general strike in the sugar fields. The last Extraordinary Congress of the sugar industry, held on Jan. 9 of this year, granted a 30-day waiting period to the Sugar Producers Association for the discussion and signing of a collective agreement. The workers still have faith that the employers will take into account the good faith of the COT. They believe that with the cooperation of some government agencies it will be possible to arrive at a satisfactory agreement, but they remain on the alert for a struggle against Nazis diaguised in the clothing of democracy.